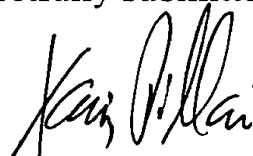


REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled the rejected claims without estoppel or surrender to place the application in condition for allowance. With the entry of this amendment, claims 1, 4, and 6-10 are present; said claims have been allowed. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, she is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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